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BEGIN SUMMARY: DANISH DELEGATION TO ENERGY CONFERENCE
IS NAMED BUT MAY BE AUGMENTED IN VIEW
OF U.S. PROPOSALS FOR AGENDA AND REPRESENTATIONAL
LEVEL. DECISION WILL BE DIFFICULT BECAUSE OF
INSECURE PARLIAMENTARY POSITION OF MINORITY GOVERNMENT AND
SMALL SIZE OF CABINET. END SUMMARY.

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1. DANISH GOVERNMENT DECIDED LATE LAST NIGHT

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ON ENERGY CONFERENCE DELGATION. WE UNDERSTAND
INFORMATION ALREADY TRANSMITTED TO DEPARTMENT
BY AMBASSADOR BARTELS. DELEGATION TO BE HEADED
BY FONMIN OVE GULDBERG AND INCLUDE FONOFF UNDER
SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS JENS CHRISTENSEN,
COMMERCE MINISTRY DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY H.O.
CHRISTIANSEN, FONOFF OFFICE DIRECTORS R. THORNING-
PETERSEN (POLITICAL) AND GUNNAR RIBERHOLDT (ECONOMIC/
EC AFFAIRS).

2. WHEN INFORMED OF U.S. PROPOSALS FOR AGENDA
AND REPRESENTATION LEVEL (REFTEL), FONOFF (DE-
PUTY UNDER SECRETARY WANDEL-PETERSEN) TOLD US
THAT GOVERNMENT MIGHT FIND IT NECESSARY TO AUG-
MENT DELEGATION AS IT NOW STANDS. FONMIN IS
IN ICELAND ON ONE-DAY TRIP BUT WILL RETURN FEBRUARY 1
WHEN COMPOSITION OF DANISH DELEGATION WILL AGAIN
BE REVIEWED TOGETHER WITH U.S. PROPOSALS FOR
AGENDA.

3. IN VERY PRELIMINARY REACTION TO U.S. AGENDA
AND SENARIO SUGGESTIONS, WANDEL-PTERSEN HAD
TWO COMMENTS: (A) SIZE AND LEVEL OF DANISH
DELEGATION WILL BE SERIOUS PROBELM IN VIEW OF
PROPOSED CONFERENCE PROGRAM. DENMARK REGARDS
CONFERENCE AS VERY INPORTANT AND WISHES TO BE
FULLY REPRESENTED; HOWEVER, PRESENT POLITICAL
PROBLEMS OF MINORITY GOVERNMENT AND SMALL SIZE OF
CABINET (12 MINISTERS) MAKES IT DIFFICULT
TO INCREASE MINISTERIAL PARTICIPATION IN DELE-
GATION. (B) U.S. PROPOSED AGENDA DOES NOT SEEM
TO PROVIDE FOR DISCUSSION OF ACTION REGARDING
ENERGY PRICE LEVELS, ASIDE FROM DISCUSSIONS
ON HOW TO ACCOMMODATE TO THEM. HE SAID DENMARK
REGARDS ROLLBACK OF OIL PRICES IN CONTEXT OF
BROAD INTERNATIONAL ARRANGEMENT OF SUPPLY GUAR-
ANTEES AND REVENUE STABILITY AS MOST
IMPORTANT NEED. HE HOPED USG DOES NOT MEAN TO
EXCLUDE THIS ITEM FROM DISCUSSION. EMBOFF
NOTED THAT "COMPREHENSIVE CONSUMER ACTION PROGRAM"
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AND DISCUSSION OF MONETARY ASPECTS OF ENERGY
CRISIS COULD NOT FAIL TO COVER PRICE ISSUE.

4. WANDEL-PETERSEN SAID FURTHER DANISH VIEWS
ON CONFERENCE WILL BE PROVIDED AFTER INTRA-GOVERNMENTAL
AND INTRA-EC DISCUSIONS. DUNNIGAN

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